GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BANK FOR MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government have established banks for the development of Minority Communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount sanctioned/released by the Government to these banks during each of the last three years; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Government to release full sanctioned amount to these banks

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : No separate bank has been established by the Government for the minority communities. However, Government is committed for the development of minority communities by providing credit facilities through banks under various Govt. sponsored schemes. Banks have to ensure that credit is made available to the members of minority communities in an adequate measure not only in the 44 districts identified by the Government as having concentration of minority communities but also in the country as a whole. As per the available data the flow of credit to these communities is steadily increasing. The credit flow to these communities under priority sector during the last three years is given below:

(No. of Accounts in lakhs) (Amount in Rs. Crores)

Year ended (March)	In all the districts in the Country	
	No. of A/Cs	Amount Outstanding
2000	65.77	12998.81
2001	64.92	14449.59
2002	71.63	16500.04